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2<sup>nd</sup> Update – Death Investigation of Two Teens at Independence High School

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Friday, February 12, 2016, a little before 8:00am, Glendale Police received several 911 calls of a two people shot on the Independence High School campus located at 6600 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Police were able to determine it was not an active shooter situation. Officers located two 15 year old female students down near the cafeteria area under a covered patio on the southeast portion of campus. The two teens had sustained single gunshot wounds and were declared deceased at the scene. The entire press release from February 12<sup>th</sup> can be found here <a href="http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/Update-DeathInvestigationofTwoTeensatIndependenceHighSchool.pdf">http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/Update-DeathInvestigationofTwoTeensatIndependenceHighSchool.pdf</a>.

Questions have continued to come into the police department since Friday's tragic incident. This update serves to respond to some of those questions.

When will you release the 911 calls? Those calls are available now. If you have not yet filed a public records request, you may do so here.

**Is there surveillance video of the crime?** No, the shooting that took place on Friday was not captured on video.

How did the suspect obtain a gun? The suspect approached a 15-year old classmate on Thursday, telling him she needed it for protection; she promised to return the gun on Friday. The classmate provided her a family owned handgun, from his home, without the permission or knowledge of his parents. He has spoken to detectives and was cooperative. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will review his involvement in the matter. No further details can be provided about this aspect of the investigation.

Will the victim's and suspect's names be released? Juveniles, both victim and suspect, are protected under State law. Their names will not be released or confirmed by the Glendale Police Department.

There will not be any additional general updates provided. We will consider specific questions as they are raised.

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\*Spanish translation available

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